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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David V. BYRNE

Attorney Docket No.: P69223US0

Serial No. 10/686,632

Group Art Unit No.: 1772

Filed: October 17, 2003

Examiner: Jane J. RHEE

For: A TRENCH COVER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the response to the non-final office action in the above captioned application.

\_\_\_\_ Small Entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

\_\_\_\_ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

XX No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Addit. (or) Fee	Other Than A Small Entity Rate Addit. Fee
Total 15 -	20 = 0		x09 = \$	x 18 = \$
Indep. 1 -	3 = 0		x43 = \$	x 86 = \$

First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim x145= \$ x290 = \$

Extension of time fee for months under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 \$ \$

\_\_\_\_ Total Additional Fee \$ \$

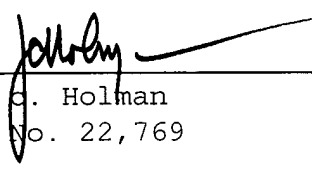
\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is attached for the -month Extension Fee.

XX If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)(1)-(5) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

JACOBSON HOLMAN, PLLC

Dated: June 16, 2004  
400 Seventh Street, N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004-2201  
JCH/JC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
John C. Holman  
Reg. No. 22,769